



MEETING NOTES

Neighborhood Planning Focus Group Meeting

9:00 a.m. – Tuesday, June 30, 2009

APS Conference Room, 101 West Cherry Ave, Flagstaff, AZ

1. Welcome and Introductions
The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

In attendance

Kim Tittelbauch, Chairperson
Dan Cothran, Citizen
Duffie Westheimer, Citizen
Ed Dunn, Citizen
Ed Larsen, City of Flagstaff
Joan Brundige-Baker, Citizen
Kimberly Sharp, City of Flagstaff
Laura Myers, Citizen
Lisa Rayner, Citizen
Melissa Klatcher, Citizen
Mark Spinti, Citizen
Peggy Sheldon Scurlock, Citizen
Roger Eastman, City of Flagstaff

2. Recap Focus Group purpose
3. Discussion regarding neighborhood planning and related issues associated with the rewrite of the Land Development Code.

Resolved issue to give to consultants: What makes a neighborhood?

Parking in front yard:

- Reduce snowplow parking restrictions
- Narrower streets, eliminate curbs & gutters and replace with rock – not zoning issue; forward idea to Engineering
- Hold new development to higher standard
- Parking on one side of the street only in winter
- One-way streets
- Review existing parking standards & figure out how to deal with parked cars – natural evolution of a neighborhood
- Leave existing neighborhoods with their parking issues – learn from the past and plan for growth
- Enforce what's already on the books
- Retrofit – alternative walking system

- Adapt to changing family needs rather than retrofit
- Build parking over businesses to accommodate apartment dweller use

Parking garages

- Southside appropriate for parking garages – work with NAU
- Parking garages must be worked into character of neighborhood
- Require residents to provide proof of parking access
- Provide storage in parking structure
- Shared parking on side yard
- Designs to include mixed use where appropriate
- 1 facility to provide parking for students, residents, and business
- Maybe consider, in some areas, a “no parking” requirement based on walkability within the neighborhood (need better transit)
- Balance enforcement with community needs
- Use parking garages for future alternative energy installations

Underground parking

- Desirable, but rock could be a challenge

Student parking & parking for rentals

- Addressed in other issues
- New standards for new projects
- Restrict parking to a maximum number of vehicles parked on a property
- Adaptable code
- Communal parking offsite within a neighborhood for additional parking and for ADUs: e.g. Thorpe Park
- Policy for ADUs – ADUs need to be smaller & should not be allowed on second floor above garage

Transit

- Improved connections/lot linkage between subdivisions and neighborhoods to make neighborhoods more walkable
- Provide standards for walkability in new subdivisions
- Design communities for mixed use – walkable neighborhoods minimize the need for cars
- Zoning code should be revised to require better connections to implement Regional Plan policy
- Revisit street design standards to slow traffic in neighborhoods through better layout based on connectivity.
- Need to plan for convenience in walkable communities – must provide essential services that are useful and convenient

Policy Issue – identify areas for future change from single-use subdivisions to mixed-use, walkable neighborhoods with charrette and other tools.

HOAs – not regulated or enforced by the City.

4. Next meeting: Tuesday, July 7, 2009, 9:00 a.m.

5. Meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.